1   _____ BILL NO. _____

2   INTRODUCED BY _____
                                                                   (Primary Sponsor)

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4   A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO SCHOOL INSTRUCTION;

5   REVISING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM IN HIGH SCHOOLS TO

6   REQUIRE A COURSE IN UNITED STATES CIVICS AS PART OF DISTRICT GRADUATION

7   REQUIREMENTS, TO INCLUDE COURSE OFFERINGS IN PERSONAL FINANCE AND, IF FOREIGN

8   LANGUAGE IS A GRADUATION REQUIREMENT, TO OFFER COURSES IN SOFTWARE PROGRAMMING

9   THAT MEET THAT REQUIREMENT; AMENDING SECTION 20-7-111, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN

10   EFFECTIVE DATE."

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12   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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14   **Section 1.** Section 20-7-111, MCA, is amended to read:

15   "**20-7-111.   Instruction in public schools.** (1) Except as provided in ~~subsection (2)~~ subsections (2)

16   and (3), the board of public education shall define and specify the basic instructional program for pupils in

17   public schools, and this program must be set forth in the standards of accreditation. Other instruction may be

18   given when approved by the board of trustees.

19   (2)   The trustees of a school district shall ensure that all pupils in grades 3 through 12 receive

20   instruction about the United States constitution and the pledge of allegiance.

21   (3)   The trustees of a high school or K-12 district shall:

22   (a)   as part of district graduation requirements in social studies, include a course of at least one-half

23   unit in United States civics;

24   (b)   as part of the district's math course offerings that meet district graduation requirements, offer a

25   course in personal finance of at least one-half unit; and

26   (c)   if the district requires foreign language courses as part of district graduation requirements, offer

27   courses in software programming that may be taken in the place of foreign language courses to meet the

28   requirements."

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2   <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Section 2.   Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2023.

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